Bridge on Golden Quadrilateral

1843. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the design for the longest bridge on the Golden Quadrilateral has failed;

(b) the amount spent so far on this bridge; and

(c) what are the reasons for such a failure and massive waste of funds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI PON. RADHAKIRISHNAN): (a) The Sone Bridge on NH-2 in Bihar having a length of 3.06 km. is the longest bridge on the Golden Quadrilateral and is being implemented by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) with World Bank assistance. There is no design failure of the structure of this bridge. However, certain changes in construction sequence and methodology of the super structure and change in the type of foundation necessitated due to site conditions have been effected to ensure timely completion of work, without any cost implication to NHAI.

(b) The bridge forms a part of the four laning work package of Sasaram to Delhi on Sone section (km. 110.0 to km. 140.0) of NH-2. Upto November, 2003 an expenditure of Rs. 46.98 crore has been incurred on this work package. The expenditure on the bridge is not accounted separately.

(c) Does not arise.

Roads in Maharashtra

1844. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the length of the roads Government have proposed to include as National Highways in Maharashtra; and

(b) the particulars of such roads?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI PON. RADHAKIRISHNAN): (a) There is no proposal for declaration of new National Highways in the country including Maharashtra due to fund constraints.

(b) Does not arise.